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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Affording Better Protection to Our
Sources and Methods Outside of CIA

REFERENCE: Your memorandum to me, dated
5 December 1978; same subject

1. This memorandum responds to your request for views on ways to raise security consciousness among those who have access to sensitive intelligence information in the National Security Council, on the Hill and elsewhere. ☐

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2. I share your desire to raise security consciousness of holders of sensitive materials and appreciate your suggestions on approaches that could be followed to do this. In connection with your suggestions; ☐

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a. I have established a Security Awareness Working Group of the Security Committee and tasked it to develop innovative means to raise security sensitivities not only among the community members but in those Non-NFIB agencies which receive our intelligence information. A part of this effort will be the upgrading of our security briefings of these officials to ensure that the texts are thorough, carry a clear message and are of uniform standard. ☐

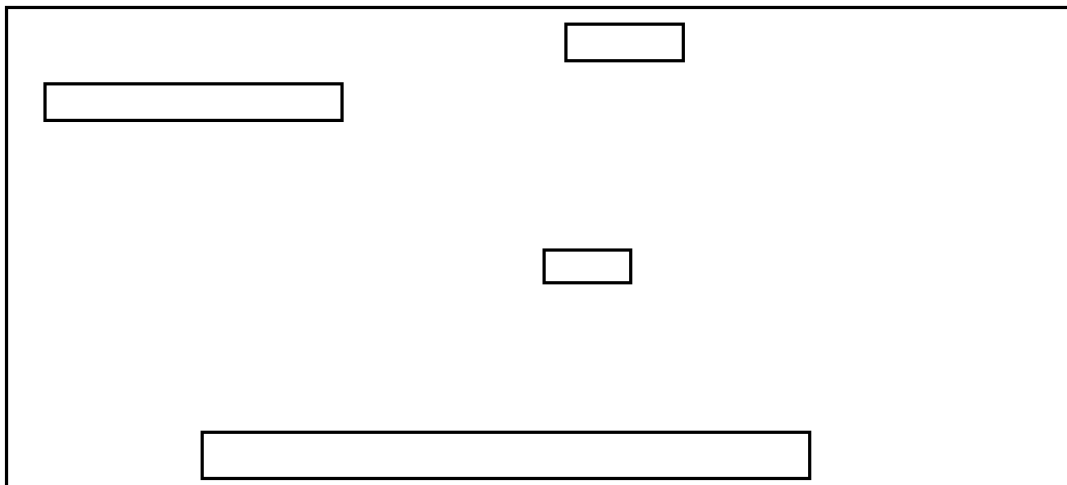
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d. As to security tailored to high-level officials and their staffs to help them better deal with contacts with the press, I have asked Mr. Hetu for suggestions. The idea is to prepare material that would be of assistance in instilling security consciousness. I took the opportunity of Mr. Hetu's 13 December conference of the community's Public Affairs Officers to alert them to the danger of telephone intercepts and the threat of technical penetration. We also gave a short presentation on the anatomy of a leak. [redacted]

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3. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for your personal interest in security. Your direction and encouragement at the highest levels of the government and your specific focus on this vital issue at the 12 December NFIB meeting contributed significantly toward our mutual objective of raising security standards, practices and procedures.

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